

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The applicant has concurrently filed a Request for Continued Examination.

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003.

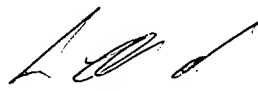
In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 12, 13 and 30-39. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-8, 10 and 11. The Examiner objected to claim 9.

By this Response, the applicant has amended claim 1 so as to incorporate therein the features of claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9. Claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 have accordingly been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended hereby, is allowable. Claims 10 and 11 depended from claim 8. Therefore, the dependency of claims 10 and 11 were amended since claim 8 was cancelled.

In view of the forgoing amendments and comments, the applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favourable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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